

ADDRESS
FROM THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE
LEGISLATIVE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE.

JACKSON, Miss., April 27th, 1868.

To the Democratic Association of the
State of Mississippi—

GENTLEMEN:—Some time since, the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party, published a Constitution and By-Laws recommended by them, for general adoption. It is earnestly hoped that a thorough system of organization for the approaching election, is being adopted upon this plan. The political objects set forth in these documents, may be summed up in two words:

"Constitutional Liberty."

The utter disregard of the Constitution of the United States, and the total overthrow of the Constitution of ten States, by the Republican party, creates an imperative necessity for the people to proclaim anew the principles of the American system of government.

The political platform of the Republican party of this State, is the reverse of our own, and may be stated in two words also, to-wit:

"CONSTITUTIONAL DESPOTISM."

The Military Convention now in session, are about to conclude their treasonable labors, and the achievement of all our most prominent and useful citizens. They have carried their proscription far beyond the territory of the Radical Congress. Instead of a constitution for a free people, it is a constitution of despotic rule, and the offices; is *ex post facto* in its character, and void under the Constitution of the United States.

The system of amalgamation, miscegenation and taxation, imposed by other provisions of this Constitution, not only corrupts the fountains of justice, but amounts to a total confiscation of all the property in the State. As the Radical party are to become the recipients of the public treasury, to be raised by this tyrannical system,—to hold all the offices—receive all the emoluments—dispend all the revenue, and wear purple and finery every day, at the expense of the people, the people of the State look upon these measures with measures with the utmost complacency, and are already prepared to carry their designs into execution, by procuring a ratification of this Constitution at the ballot box. Their secret associations for this purpose now encompass the State, and they are playing for the dazzling prize with the desperation of gamblers who have cast their all upon a die.

People of Mississippi! These are no idle words we address to you. Every sentence is pregnant with advice; every syllable redolent with warning. The enemy count the negro vote by thousands, and are holding out the most tempting promises to non-taxing voters. If these two elements are permitted to combine, your Constitutional liberty is forever at an end—constitutional despotism forever in the land. This point reached, war, pestilence and famine are the natural concomitants.

There is time yet to avoid this approaching torrent of social, political and pecuniary ruin. The people still have a right to assemble and concert the necessary measures of defense. The Executive Committee have pointed out the means of accomplishing this result. The By-Laws of the Democratic Association direct what is to be done—if these are promptly and successfully executed, all will be well—if neglected, all will be lost.

The reaction against the Radicals at the North, is progressing with great power and portends the success of the Democratic candidate for the next President. If we defeat the Radicals in this election now, and succeed in the Presidential contest, we will preserve our present Constitution and laws.

The committees and sub-committees to be appointed in the various Districts of every county have important duties to perform. The chief labor of the canvass devolves on them, and their work should be speedily and thoroughly executed. These committees should be sufficient in number to be able to see in person all the people in their neighborhoods within a few days at most and procure their signatures to the constitution and by-laws, together with a pledge to the army of the people and to be present at the polls and do all in their power to secure a unanimous vote for the principles and candidates of the party.

It would be well to have one or more members of these committees on every farm or plantation, where they should unite with the freedmen in the preservation of order and domestic tranquility, and by the persuasion of all social and political associations designed to sever the interests of the planter and the laborer—the employer and the employed—and to tax the people for the support of political measures, and induce active members of the same; and to establish entire unanimity of political sentiment and public policy, and to give legal expression to same at the ballot box on the day of election. The ballot box must be preserved from all frauds on the elective franchise; and to this end, committees should be appointed by the President of the County Association, with power, and whose duty it shall be to attend the polls of election in each precinct on the day of election, and superintend the same; to challenge illegal voters or persons suspected of attempting to vote illegally, and to see that all legal voters are permitted to exercise the elective franchise; and for this purpose said committees shall appoint one or more Secretaries, whose duty it shall be to take and preserve a correct record of all persons voting at each precinct in the county, and report the same to the County Association; and if any fraudulent votes shall be discovered, the same shall be publicly exposed.

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competent and qualified under the law, then from among the residents of the county; and if not obtainable in the county, then from the State at large; they are required to take and subscribe to the oath of office prescribed by the act of Congress of July 2, 1867, which oath may be administered by the registrar. The oaths, properly subscribed, will be forwarded immediately to the file in the office of the Acting Assistant Adjutant General at these Headquarters.

The pay of these officers will be six (6) dollars per diem, for each day they are actually employed on their legitimate duties, and their actual expenses of transportation within the county.

V. In accordance with the acts of Congress which became a law March 11, 1868, any person duly registered in the State of Mississippi, will be permitted to vote in the election precinct where he offers to vote, when he has resided therein ten days next preceding the election, upon presentation of a certificate of residence, showing that he had not voted at this election, and upon making oath before the Commissioners that he had resided in said precinct for the time specified. All ballots received under the provisions of this paragraph will be appended to the oath, and in this manner joined, transmitted with the returns and other ballots to these Headquarters. Blank certificates of residence will be furnished to the Commissioners of election from these Headquarters.

VI. The Commissioners of election will prepare and forward with the election returns a list of the registered voters in each precinct who have not voted at this election, and a list of all voters under the provisions of the foregoing paragraph, who have voted at the election. Such lists will show the name of the person, whether white or colored, the number of his certificate of registration and the precinct in which he is registered.

VII. None but registered voters will be permitted to challenge the right of others to vote, and no challenge except as to residence and identity will be entertained. While it is the imperative duty of the Commissioners to do their utmost to ensure the purity of the election, care must be taken to prevent the abuse of the right to challenge by evil-doers, who may desire to impede the election.

VIII. The Sheriff of each county is made responsible for the preservation of peace and the perfect freedom of the ballot at the various election precincts in the county. To this end he will appoint a deputy—no shall be duly qualified under the laws of the State for each precinct in the county, who will be required to be present at the place of voting during the whole of the day of election. The said deputies will promptly and fully every demand made upon their official services in preserving the peace and good order by the Commissioners of election, or by the people, in making their appointments, will exercise great care to select men whom they know to be in every way able to serve. Deputies appointed in accordance with these regulations, and paid five dollars for the day service on accounts approved by the Registrar, out of the receipts of the county.

IX. As an additional measure for securing the purity of the election, each registrar, judge and clerk, is hereby clothed, with all the functions of a deputy sheriff or constable, and is empowered to make arrests, and authorized to perform all duties appertaining to such officers under the laws of the State, during the days of election.

X. In case of emergency, the day of election, all public bar-rooms, saloons, or other places at which intoxicating or malt liquor is sold at retail, will be closed. Should any infraction in this respect occur, the knowledge of the Commissioners of election, or the deputy sheriff in attendance, they will immediately cause the arrest of the offender, or of the parties, and the closing of his, or their, place of business. All parties so arrested will be placed under bonds, of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100), to appear for trial at the next regular court session, or in case of failure to give the required bond, will be held in arrest to await the action of the General Commanding.

XI. The carrying of fire arms or other deadly weapons, or the display of the same, is positively prohibited under penalty of forfeiture of the weapons, and of being punished as prescribed by the Statutes of the State for the carrying of arms. Each registrar, judge and clerk, will provide himself with a sufficient number of election precincts, and each registrar will provide himself with a sufficient number of election precincts, and each registrar will provide himself with a sufficient number of election precincts.

XII. Should violence or fraud be perpetrated at the election in any precinct, the General Commanding will exercise to the fullest extent the powers vested in him for the purpose of restoring to all registered voters an opportunity to vote, and to restore to the nearest post commander, for shipment to the Chief Ordnance officer of the District.

XIII. No registrar, judge or clerk, will be permitted to become a candidate for any office in this State at this election, nor will they be permitted to exercise the functions of any office or authority connected with the election, either at that received from these Headquarters.

XIV. The evident intention of the law under which this election is held being to obtain an expression of the will of the qualified electors, it is ordered that no person, either white or colored, shall be permitted to obstruct the free exercise of the franchise, or to interfere with the free exercise of the franchise, or to interfere with the free exercise of the franchise.

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